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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED  
UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

Docket Number (Optional)

STL9968

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Art Unit: 2833

Application Number: 10/029,099

Examiner: Gilman, Alexander

Filed: October 19, 2001

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Title: Disc Drive Printed Circuit Board Connector Locating Feature

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- (2) Reply and/or issue fee.
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee-required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay.

**1. Petition fee**

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See 37 CFR 1.27.

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- ☒ Reply
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- ☒ Return Postcard

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(In the space provided below, please explain in detail the reasons for the delay in filing a proper reply.)  
We received the Office Action that was mailed to us on March 12, 2003. Upon reviewing the correspondence, and our docketing system, our findings are an error on our behalf. This docketing error was totally inadvertent.

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